TRUSTING THROUGH TRIALS

September 21, 2025

KEY SCRIPTURE

- 1 Samuel 1
- 1 Samuel 2:1-10
- Psalm 62:8
- Philippians 4:6-7
- 1 Peter 5:6-7

KEY POINTS

- Trusting God is essential not only for salvation, but in the ongoing trials of life.
- Stress and suffering expose the true condition of our hearts.
- Hannah's story shows how surrender and prayer bring peace before circumstances change.
- God's grace is present both in calm seasons and in overwhelming floods.
- "When you can't trace His hand, trust His heart."
- Trials can refine character, develop intimacy with God, and prepare us for His purposes.
- Pouring out our heart before God leads to peace that surpasses understanding.
- Humility and surrender open the way for God to lift us up in His timing.
- Don't check out—stay where God has placed you and allow Him to work.

DISCUSSION

- How has God used trials in your life to reveal areas where you needed to grow in trust?
- What part of Hannah's story resonates most with your own experiences of waiting or disappointment?
- Pastor Bob emphasized that "when you can't trace His hand, trust His heart." What does that mean practically in your life right now?
- Have you ever experienced peace even before your circumstances changed? What did that look like?
- Why is it important not to "check out" of difficult situations too early, and what are some ways we can stay faithful in those times?
- How can you encourage someone in your life who is currently struggling to trust God through their trials?